

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/518,782

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to 2/10/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4,5,7-13,17-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 11/15/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 9, 22, and 23 appear to be allowable over the prior art of record.

As per claims 9, 22, and 23, Barrett US 5,199,069 in view of Masuda US 2003/0046564 in view of Brundrett US 6,249,866, in view of Epstein US 6,694,025

The combination fails to teach a "key information storage section for storing and outputting the encrypted encryption/decryption key designated by the control section to be used for cryptographic communication and an encrypted key used for decrypting the encrypted cryptographic algorithm", with a "key information decryption section for decrypting the encrypted encryption/decryption key used for cryptographic communication and the encrypted key used for decrypting the encrypted cryptographic algorithm to create an encryption/decryption key used for cryptographic communication and a decryption key used for decrypting the encrypted algorithm"

Barrett teaches a cryptographic terminal with stored encrypted algorithms, but does not teach a "key information storage section for storing and outputting the encrypted encryption/decryption key designated by the control section to be used for cryptographic

communication and an encrypted key used for decrypting the encrypted cryptographic algorithm”

Masuda teaches a method of decrypting an algorithm but does not teach key information storage section for storing and outputting the encrypted encryption/decryption key designated by the control section to be used for cryptographic communication and an encrypted key used for decrypting the encrypted cryptographic algorithm

Brundrett teaches an encryption key that is encrypted but does not teach key information storage section for storing and outputting the encrypted encryption/decryption key designated by the control section to be used for cryptographic communication and an encrypted key used for decrypting the encrypted cryptographic algorithm

Epstein teaches a network with encrypted public and private keys but does not teach key information storage section for storing and outputting the encrypted encryption/decryption key designated by the control section to be used for cryptographic communication and an encrypted key used for decrypting the encrypted cryptographic algorithm

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher J. Brown whose telephone number is (571)272-3833. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jaques Louis Jaques can be reached on (571)272-6962. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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